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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Loadings and Return of Soviet Troops to their Posts

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1. On 13 October 1952, source learned that, during the night of 9 October, tanks were unloaded at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station and moved into the Horn Kaserne on Ruhner Chaussee. Vehicles unloaded and moved to the Horn Kaserne on 11 October included 20 JS tanks

unloaded and moved into the Muelow Kaserne at the intersection of Puerstenwalder Poststrasse and Schiller Strasse. All barracks installations in Frankfurt/Oder quartered their old troops on 12 October.¹

2. In the afternoon of 30 September, a large column of motor vehicles and artillery pieces passed through Schwerin (N 54/T 46). The column came from the direction of Ludwigslust and proceeded toward Bismar. The column consisted of 25 trucks transporting troops, 4 trucks towing field kitchens, 3 trucks towing 120-mm field howitzers, 16 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns, 2 radio trucks and 5 canvas-covered trucks.

3. At 11:30 a.m. on 7 October, 3 trailer mounts, 3 gun-barrel carriers, 4 trucks and troops were loaded at the Altstaedter railroad station in Brandenburg (N 53/T 23). At 10:30 a.m. on 8 October, 3 trailer mounts, 3 gun-barrel carriers, 2 trucks, 4 radio trucks and troops were loaded. The departure of the trains were not observed.³

1. Comment. It was also observed in Puerstenwalde that elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned from the Lieberose troop training grounds after 9 October 1952. The troops reported in the present report to have moved to the Horn Kaserne are believed to have been elements of the 5th Gds Tank SP Regt and those seen driving into the Muelow Kaserne, elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt. As the quartering of troops corresponds with that observed prior to the summer training, the statement that the distribution of units in Frankfurt/Oder after 12 October was the same as that prior to the departure of troops from the post is given credence. However, the report fails to clearly indicate whether all troops were already back at that time.

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2. [] Comment. According to the report by another source, elements of the 250th Gds Ltz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Ltz Rifle Div returned from fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in the Letzling Heath to Wismar on 30 September. []

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3. [] Comment. Other sources reported that up to 24 artillery pieces of units of the 124th Hvy How Army Brig (16) were shipped to the maneuver area of the 18th Gds Army to Dessau on 7 and 8 October 1952. []

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